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## *A Promise To Keep*







Icarus!  
You're okay!







An illustration of a child standing at the bottom of a waterfall in a lush green forest. The child is looking up at the falling water. A speech bubble is positioned to the right of the waterfall.

Sooo Bebo,  
where did I  
come from  
anyways?



Zero.

Zero?

Is that  
a name of



What?!  
Rhea's an  
alien?



another  
planet?

If so,  
where is it?

Hch!  
We're all  
aliens.

If I'm really  
from Zeru,  
then how did  
I end up on  
earth?



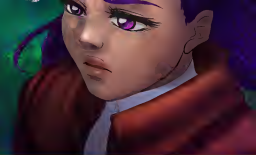


GASP  
No way!



This is  
crazy talk.

The image is a digital illustration in a comic book style. It features a woman with dark skin and brown hair, wearing a red top, with a speech bubble containing the text "This is crazy talk." Below her is a man with dark skin, wearing a black and white striped shirt, looking up at her. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with green foliage and a blue sky. The entire scene is framed by a blue border.





I don't know,  
ask Rhea.



Huh?

Well, Rhea?  
Where do you  
wanna go now?



My bad  
everyone!





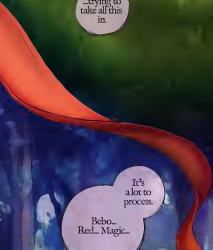
Ugh...  
I'm a little  
out of it.



I'm still...



...trying to  
take all this  
in.

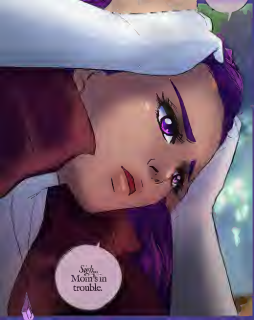


It's  
a lot to  
process.

Bebo...  
Red... Magic...



and  
Mom.



*Sigh...*  
Mom's in  
trouble.

An anime-style illustration of a young girl and a boy in a forest at night. The girl, on the right, has short dark hair and a headband, wearing a yellow jacket. The boy, on the left, has short dark hair and is wearing a dark jacket. They are both looking upwards with expressions of concern or hope. The background is a dark forest with green foliage and a small purple flower in the top left corner. A speech bubble from the boy contains the text.

Maybe  
Bebo can help  
get Ms. Oribel  
back!

A comic book panel set in a forest. Bebo, a small brown character with curly hair, is in the upper left. Red, a large blue dragon-like creature with a red scarf, is in the center. Ash, a girl with purple hair, is in the bottom left. Three speech bubbles are present. The background is a lush green forest.

Yeah!  
Bebo and Red wrecked  
all the drones in  
*one* swipe.

They can  
take down  
Ash!

Hold up,  
technically speaking,  
Red was the one who  
took down those  
drones.

However,  
it's accurate  
to say that I could  
easily take down  
this Ash you  
speak of.



So you can  
help me?!



*Ah*  
bu-bu-but...  
there are *some*  
restrictions.

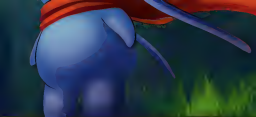


Restrictions?

Precisely.

Like...

I can't  
harm a living  
being that is  
weaker than  
me.



But you  
destroyed  
all those  
drones!

*Living  
beings!*



Oh.



Besides,  
Red took out  
those drones.



Could Red  
help?



Red's  
purpose is to  
shield me from  
danger.



Really?  
Red can shield  
you from  
anything?

Even  
death?

a combo?



Red is tough.  
The spirit of  
Heaven's Gate  
is infinitely  
impenetrable.



That's  
unbelievable!

I see  
the burns  
have healed  
too!

Could  
Red fight on  
your behalf  
instead?





Red is  
an extension of me,  
so no, we can't inflict  
harm unless the enemy  
is equally as strong  
or stronger.

Hmm,  
why's that?

A close-up shot of a character's red cape and blue suit. A white speech bubble is positioned over the blue suit.

Hypothetically...

A blue alien character with long, thin ears and a small red dot on its forehead. The character is looking upwards with a concerned expression. The background is a blurry green field.

If I had to  
battle it out with  
a human to the  
death...



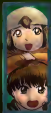
..that  
would be the  
equivalent of you  
exterminating..



...a butterfly.



Whoaaaaa!



*Meh*

*Abba, now  
I understand.  
You're *too*  
powerful.*

*Okay...*



What if,  
you brought  
your powers  
down a *few*  
notches?



Truth be told,  
I'm bounded by  
a sacred law that  
restricts me from  
inflicting harm on  
anything weaker  
than myself.



The day I took  
that holy oath,  
I became a master  
alchemist.

If  
I break that  
law,

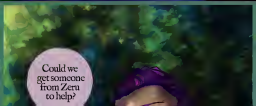
A woman with short, wavy purple hair is shown from the chest up. She has a worried expression, with wide eyes and a slightly open mouth. She is wearing a dark purple jacket over a grey shirt. The background is a solid, vibrant red. In the upper left, there is a small, glowing orange light source. To the left of the woman, there is a large, out-of-focus green bush or tree.

my  
powers will  
disappear.

Oh...  
okay, so...  
how can  
you help me  
then?



I can  
guard and  
guide you.



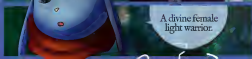
Could we  
get someone  
from Zeru  
to help?



Someone  
already did.  
An Enchantress  
sent us here to  
take refuge.



Huh? What's an  
Enchantress?



A divine female  
light warrior.

A light warrior?  
Well, where is she?  
Can *she* help?



She's  
gone



...



Bebo,

I'm trying  
to understand  
what you're  
telling me. I'm from  
a planet called  
Zeru.

If that's  
true, then why  
was I sent to  
Earth?

There  
has to be  
a reason.



Not because

I said.  
You're here  
because you're

Thanks to  
the Enchantress,  
you're alive.

I've because  
of some divine  
destiny or  
prophecy.

because you're  
lucky.





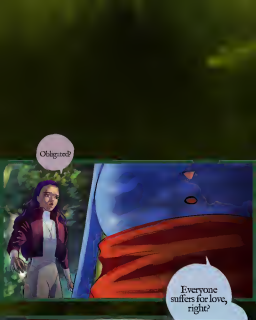
Trust me,  
I'm not thrilled  
to be here either,  
but...

...I was obligated  
to honor her request  
to guard and guide  
you.









Obligated?

Everyone  
suffers for love,  
right?



Anyways.



I'm sorry.

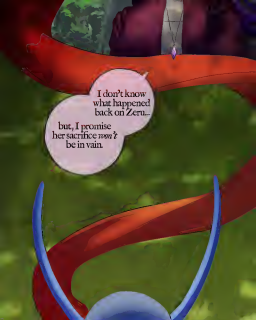
Hey,  
Bebo?

Yeah?



Thank you.  
I'm grateful,  
to you, Red and  
the Enchantress.



A character with dark hair and a purple necklace is looking down at a red ribbon. The ribbon is draped across the frame, and a blue horn-like object is visible at the bottom. The background is a blurred green field.

I don't know  
what happened  
back on Zeru.

but, I promise  
her sacrifice won't  
be in vain.



So what  
do you say  
Bebo?

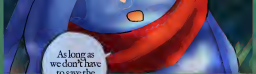
Just



Just  
this once,  
could you  
help me?

Sigh...  
I kind of  
have to,  
I guess.

I can't have you  
running around  
getting yourself  
killed.



As long as  
we don't have  
to save the  
world.



I just  
wanna save  
my Mom.

She's more  
important  
right now.



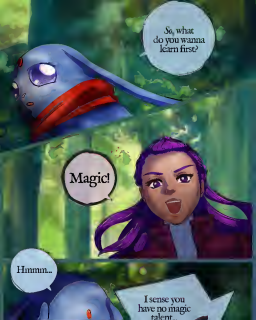
Okay...

...but you  
have to put in  
the work.

A woman with long, wavy purple hair and a determined expression is running through a lush green forest. She is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt under a red cape. Her mouth is open as if shouting or calling out. Two speech bubbles are present: one above her head saying "YES! Okay!" and another to her left saying "I'm ready!".

YES!  
Okay!

I'm ready!



So, what  
do you wanna  
learn first?

Magic!

Hmmm...

I sense you  
have no magic  
talent.



...yet.

So,  
you *can* teach  
me magic?

I mean,  
there's no  
guarantee.





As long as  
I can kick  
Ash's ass!



I like the spirit!  
Alright, lemme see  
your weapon.

Maybe I can  
enhance it.

Weapon?  
Uhh...



You don't  
have one?



Can you  
at least use  
a sword?



No,  
but I'm a fast  
learner!



Okay.



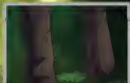
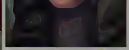


Hey  
Kazu.

I know your  
crystal sword  
is valuable  
and all...

...but do you  
mind if Icha  
holds it for  
a sec?













What's even a high  
speed?

Sub.



*It's so  
heavy!*



If you  
can barely lift it,  
how do you plan on  
swinging it?

Okay,  
okay,  
so I can't  
fight.

Yet.



Well you're  
not entirely  
useless.

We just  
gotta find  
your style!

What  
do you  
mean?

Not every  
hero fights  
with fists and  
swords.



What about  
my voice?





I can heal  
with it.

Can it do  
anything  
else?

Only  
one way to  
find out.

If you're  
really serious  
about this,  
then I'll need  
that ouroboros  
amulet.



It's a  
necklace of a  
dragon eating  
itself.



*Oh yeah...  
the dragon necklace.*

My mom  
wears it!

What is it  
anyways?

It plays a  
vital role for your  
transformation.



Damn it!  
Raven Core  
has my mom  
now.

She's  
probably in  
Axis Mundi!

Okay.



A person with long purple hair and a red cape is flying through the air at night. The background is a dark cityscape with glowing lights. The person is looking down with a surprised expression. There are three speech bubbles: one from above saying 'We can grab your Mom too, since it's on the way', one from the right saying 'Really?', and one from the bottom left saying 'Thank you Bebo!'.

We can  
grab your Mom  
too, since it's on  
the way

Really?

Thank you  
Bebo!



M-h.

I'm just  
keeping a  
promise.

Alright.  
So, what's the  
game plan?

Go to plan.



I don't  
come up with  
the ideas.



I'm here  
to guard and  
guide you.

*First, I need to find  
a way to get back  
up there.*

*Sigh...*  
*Bright.*





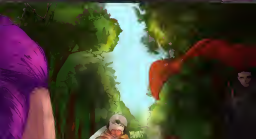
*Knowing Ash,  
there's not a lot of time left.*

...

*but I'm so tired...  
...I can't think.*



I  
don't know  
what to do.





Sleep on it!  
That's what  
I'd do

Yeah...  
maybe you're  
right.



We gotta  
find shelter  
and food before  
sundown.



*Aben,*  
or you can stay  
with me.





Kazuo!  
Are you  
sure?



Follow  
me.



*Kay...*

*...I see it in your eyes.*

*I too, had to face the tragic  
inevitable truth.*



*I've forgotten why I stopped  
believing in fairytales.*

*Perhaps  
it's because as I grow older,  
wishes and dreams that once  
colored my life...*

*and my heart and my*





*However,  
ask any child if they  
still believe in their  
dreams.*

*The Whimsical world  
of children is the*



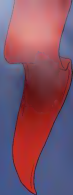


*It could be*

*...could it be?*



*My childlike spirit  
is stirring.*



*Restless, anxious...*





Abby



...a storm is  
coming.









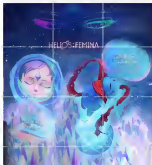
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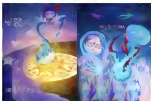
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There were so many beautiful entries  
that deserve praise.

**Stay tuned next week for  
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along with beauty goodies  
and more!**



**Don't forget that the  
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